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1. The Soviet screening units of the Soviet Army had been endeavoring to interview the various elements of Russian nationality in the camp in order to convince as many as possible to return to Russia.
2. The camp inmates, mostly Ukrainian, had manifested such great indifference toward this Soviet action that prior to 19 November 1946 no individual would attend the meetings planned by the Soviet screening units. This caused embarrassment to the UNRRA officials who requested various barracks leaders to assemble their people; the D.P.'s, however, were to be under no obligation to accept the Soviet proposals.
3. A meeting was assembled in the camp theater, and the Russians spoke persuasively for about an hour. The meeting was then opened to questions.
4. Several questions were asked concerning the new religious freedom in Russia. Then one person asked for explanations of the massacre of 30,000 people at Lemberg. This was denied categorically by the Russians. The audience answered with whistles and catcalls and there was a general exodus from the meeting.
5. On the 20 November 1946, a Russian D.P., who was eligible for a Nansen passport and had lived in Germany and Yugoslavia during the entire war, was arrested by the French Sécurité on the score that he had maneuvered the incident. His fate remains unknown.

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